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3A, MONACO. Frank, IK1HLG, and Tony, IK1QBT, will be active as 3A/IK1HLG/M from May 11 thru 14. Operations will be mostly CW (by Tony) and SSB (by Frank). The mobile station will be using a 100 watts and a vertical antenna for 10/15/20/40/80 meters. QSL to IK1HLG, Imbesi Francesco, P.O. Box 155, 17025 Loano SV, Italy.

44TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION. Members of the Northern Ohio DX Association will again operate U.S. Army Radio Station "WAR" at Ft. Detrick Maryland on 15 May. "WAR" will transmit on 4018.5 LSB, 6998.5 CW, 13992.5 CW, 14403.5 USB & 20995.5 USB. They will announce their listening frequency in the amateur band. Operation will commence at 1400z 15 May and conclude at 0200z 16 May. They will especially be listening for DX this year and hope to work many Europeans that may not have been aware of this test in previous years. All contacts will be QSL'ed direct to the callbook address. More on this in the next issue.

4U8ITU, ITU HQ, GENEVA. This special call sign will be used by two separate Italian groups in the month of May. Both groups will be using different QSL routes, so listen to operator for the route. Operators I1RB and I1RBJ will be using the QSL route of I1RBJ. The operator Luc, I1YRL, will be using his CBA.

5A, LIBYA (UPDATE). Romeo Stepanenko, 3W3RR/AH0M, sent out another news release on April 28th about the upcoming 5A DXpedition. The following is a edited summary: Preparations still continue for the DXpedition but as of the end of April not enough funds have been collected. Therefore, the organizers of the operation were forced to postpone its start and continue with raising funds. The evaluated sum needed for the DXpedition is \$29,800 and the total accumulated funds are approximately \$11,200.

DXpedition plan: The DXpedition team will consist of four experienced operators. Few of the operators have already obtained Libyan visas, others will be ready shortly. Operators will come from Bulgaria, Ukraine and Russia. The team will arrive in Cairo by plane, rent a jeep, buy food, generators and fuel (cheaper than in Libya) and then will drive along the coast to the border with 5A. They were given two weeks to operate and after completion of the operation, all equipment and antennas would be left behind. Their return trip takes them back to Cairo the same way and so they can fly back to their respective homes. Upon completion of the operation, they expect to begin mailing cards the next day after returning home.

Romeo will be staying in NYC until the end of the week (about May 7th), then he will leave for Spain, and then return to Turkey to begin loading equipment from there. Three element Yagi, supplied by INDEXA is already in Egypt awaiting transportation to Tripoli.

From Romeo: (Please note) Since all cards would be printed BEFORE the expedition commences, we must hear from all sponsors and receive their logos for the inclusion on the cards before May 6. If your organization is willing to help us, we'd like to ask you to forward the logo right away using the fax number below. Your support is needed as soon as possible so this DXpedition could begin. Kindly let us know if you are supporting this undertaking, even if it is going to take you some time to send in support.

Please contact Edward Kritsky, NT2X (718) 284-4493 fax/phone, or, contact Romeo directly in Brooklyn, NY at (718) 871-0361. Address all correspondence to: 5A DXpedition, c/o Edward Kritsky, P.O. Box 715, Brooklyn, NY 11230, USA

5X, UGANDA. Paul, WF5T, James, N3JCL and Jim KF3E are now all active. Paul and James are using 5X1XB and 5X1ZA, respectively. Jim has also been assign his own call of 5X5XX. Activity will continue until May 12th.

ERITREA. This former Italian colony has gained independence from Ethiopia after 99.8% of its people voted in favor of going their own way in a U.N. monitored referendum. The sole referendum question was: "Do you want independence from Ethiopia?" Eritrea, about the size of England, is north of Ethiopia and stretches along the Red Sea from Sudan to Djibouti. They will formally come into existence on May 24th. Italy immediately became one of the first countries to officially recognize Eritrea. It was also reported that C-SPAN has stated (4/29): U.S. Dept of State established full diplomatic relations with Eritrea. Based on its referendum, the U.S. is to consider it as independent country effective April 27. An upcoming vote on Eritrea's DXCC country status by the DXAC should be just around the corner.

HA5BUS'S "WORLD BUS TOUR" CONTINUES! Imi, HA5HO, and crew continues their travels after being on the road for almost 3 years. Their history making trip stopped off at the Dayton HamVention. Many amateurs had a chance to take a guided tour thru this amazing bus with Imi. On a sad note, Imi expressed his disappointment on not being able to sign W# HA5BUS. The bus left Dayton to travel to Columbus and as of May 2nd, the bus is in Cleveland, Ohio. Where the bus is having some repair done on its water tank. The Northern Ohio DX Association will be hosting the operators at their monthly/dinner meeting. Their next stop will be to Buffalo. PLEASE, show these world-wide poineers of amateur radio plenty of hospitality if they visit your area.

IOTA NA-014, CAMPOBELLO ISLAND. Dick, KA2PHQ, will be traveling to Nova Scotia and plans to activate Campobello Island on May 1st. He plans to be active on some nets on 40/80 meters and on 14260 kHz. There is a chance he may travel to some other island in the area. QSL to CBA.

S2, BANGLADESH. JA4KFA has stated, starting May 1st, nine JA's will operate as S21ZZ and S21C for 6 days. They plan to operate on 160-2

meters, including the WARC bands. The will be NO RTTY.

T7, SAN MARINO. In celebration on the entrance of San Marino Republic into the Council of Europe, operators F6FQk, F6IFE, FB1NAN, FD1NLY and several T7s will activate T71CE from May 6th thru 10th. Activity will be on all bands, including the WARCs and on SSB/CW/RTTY. QSL via the bureau to F6FQK. (Each QSO will be confirmed by QSL card.)

TU, IVORY COAST. OH8SR still continues to be active as TU4SR until the end of May. Check the low end of 40 and 80 meters CW band starting around 0500z. QSL via OH8SR.

VK9, MELLISH REEF (UPDATE). The mid to late September DXpedition to Mellish Reef is still a go for a ten day operation. Operators include: VK4CRR, VK2BJL, VK2BEX, P29DX, V73C, WA4DAN, K5VT and G3WGV. The organizers have decided to use a big vessel instead of the "Banyandah" as first reported. The group has chartered the "Nina Q 1", which is a 63 foot twin masted schooner capable of carrying 6000 pounds of DXpedition gear. Five HF stations and one six meter station will be active around the clock. Activity will be on all bands 160-6 meters, including WARC bands and using CW/SSB/RTTY. All official documentation including DOTC license and landing permission has been received. The ARRL DXCC Desk has given preliminary approval pending completion of the DXpedition and receipt of travel documents and log extracts from the "Nina Q 1's" captain. The DXpedition's projected cost is \$30,000 (U.S.), just \$19,500 for the charter yacht alone. For donations, questions, or additional information requests can be directed to VK4CRR or WA4DAN. For Europe, contact G4DY0.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Richard will be operating as VP5/WD5B from May 14-18. Operations will be on all bands and modes. QSL to Richard Duncan WD5B, 5 Troxell Lane, Conway, AR 72032. Note: Callbook address is NOT correct.

XW, LAOS. Several JA's operators, including JA1NUT, began operation on April 28th using the XW8KPL club station. They are apparently having trouble getting their own license. These difficulties will probably be resolved very soon and they plan to operate under their own callsign until May 5. In addition, JH1EVE, the main operator on this expedition, plans to copy the existing XW8KPL logs and answer as many requests as he gets from those who never received a card from the native op. QSL to JH1EVE.

In addition, JA2EZD plans to operate as XW2A starting May 1 and JA6LDD plans to operate as XW6X. This operation is planned for 8 days.

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